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1. In early January 1951, it was learned that the next training courses in the U.S.S.R. for VP officers were to begin on 15 January 1951 instead of on 13 December 1950. Thirty high-ranking officers from the rank of VP Oberst upward were scheduled to attend the academy in Moscow, and 120 officers ranking from VP Kommissar to VP Rat, the school for commanding officers in Saratov on the Volga River.
2. It was learned in late January that a group of 150 VP officers chosen from VP Bereitschaften were sent to the U.S.S.R. for training on 15 January. Those attending the training courses were selected very carefully. About half of them were VP Raste, the other half VP Meister. The VP Raste were to attend the military academy in Moscow and the VP Meister the school for commanding officers in Saratov. *

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* Comment. The second training course for VP officers in Moscow and Saratov is confirmed by numerous press reports and other sources. It is not yet clear at which of the 11 military academies in Moscow the high-ranking VP officers are being trained. It is believed that the training is given at the Bystror Higher Infantry Tactical School, where company and battalion commanders are being trained. However, it is also possible that the German VP officers are attached to the Frunze Military Academy, where infantry regimental commanders and general staff officers holding assignments up to division G-3s are being trained. A Soviet infantry military school and a tank military school are known to exist in Saratov, so that complete training for military personnel up to the rank of junior lieutenant would be possible there. Officers of the former German Army were trained in Soviet tank tactics in Saratov prior to the Tukhachevski trial in 1937.

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